

Rev. Luke's Weekly Blog

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THE ROSE OF SHARON

SONGS OF SOLOMON 2:1

I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys.

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This portion of scripture is a poetic exchange between two lovers, celebrating intimate affection and the beauty of the beloved.

This verse has, however, been understood by Christian tradition as a typological prophecy, pointing to Christ as the supreme embodiment of divine beauty, the fulfillment of covenantal promise, and the source of life-giving nourishment for humanity. The Rose of Sharon, therefore, becomes a multifaceted symbol of Christ's identity, His mission, and His invitation to the world.



The title Rose of Sharon reveals Jesus as the perfect embodiment of divine beauty and love. Sharon was a fertile plain in Israel, known for its lush pastures and wildflowers. The rose would have been the crowning glory of that landscape. In this light, Christ is the supreme beauty of God made manifest. In Jesus, ***the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily*** (Colossians 2:9), and He is ***the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature*** (Hebrews 1:3).

The love song of Solomon finds its divine analogue in God's love for us, a love perfectly demonstrated in Christ. ***In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him*** (1 John 4:9). Jesus is the beautiful, tangible expression of the Father's loving heart, the one who draws all humanity to Himself, just as a beautiful rose captivates the gaze. He Himself prayed that His followers would behold His glory, the glory given by the Father, ***because you loved me before the foundation of the world*** (John 17:24). The Rose of Sharon, then, is the pinnacle of God's self-revelation, beautiful in holiness, grace, and sacrificial love.

This title identifies Jesus as the true Israel and the fulfillment of the covenantal promises to God's people. The land of Sharon, part of the tribal inheritance, was a symbol of God's provision and blessing upon Israel. The nation repeatedly failed to be the pleasant planting God desired. Jesus steps into this story as the true and faithful Israelite. Where Israel was called to be a ***light to the nations*** (Isaiah 49:6) but often faltered, Jesus declares, ***I am the light of the world*** (John 8:12).



THE ROSE OF SHARON Continued

The fertile plain of Sharon points to the Messianic age prophesied in Isaiah, when ***the glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon*** (Isaiah 35:2), a time of healing and renewal. Jesus inaugurates this very kingdom, proclaiming the arrival of God's restorative reign. He is the true vine, in whom the destiny of God's planting is fully realized. He becomes the first fruits of a new creation. The Rose blooming in Sharon signifies the climactic flowering of God's redemptive plan within history.

The Rose of Sharon also symbolizes Christ as the source of spiritual sustenance, healing, and fragrant life for all who come to Him. In the ancient Near East, flowers and their extracts were used for perfume, medicine, and sustenance. The Rose of Sharon, therefore, suggests something not only to be admired, but to be *received* for its life-giving properties. Jesus offers Himself as the bread of life and the living water that truly satisfies spiritual hunger and thirst. His life, death, and resurrection provide the ultimate healing for sin-sick humanity.

The Apostle Paul uses the imagery of fragrance to describe the knowledge of Christ: ***But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere*** (2 Corinthians 2:14). We, in union with Christ, ourselves become the ***aroma of Christ to God*** (2 Corinthians 2:15).

Just as the lover in the Song finds delight and rest in the rose, so Jesus invites all who are weary to come to Him and find rest (Matthew 11:28).

ASK GOD TO:

1. remove every distraction that blinds your heart, and let your soul delight in God's holiness, grace, and sacrificial love.
2. strengthen your faith so that you may live as part of God's new creation and reflect the light of God's kingdom.
3. heal every area of your life that is wounded by sin, weakness, or discouragement.

Soli Deo Gloria – to God alone be the glory!
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Matthew 11: 28